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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

OF THE

NEBRASKA

State Hospital for the Insane

For the Two Years Ending November 30, 1884.

LINCOLN, NEB.:
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Public Lands and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby respectfully submit the following report of the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane, for the biennial period ending November 30th, 1884.

MOVEMENT OF THE POPULATION.

At the date of my last report, November 30th, 1882, there were remaining in the Hospital two hundred and seventy-three (273) patients, one hundred and forty-nine (149) males, and one hundred and twenty-four (124) females.

There have been received during the past two years four hundred and ten (410) patients, two hundred and sixty-nine (269) males, one hundred and forty-one (141) females.

There have been discharged during this time three hundred and twenty-three (323) patients, two hundred and one (201) males, one hundred and twenty-two (122) females, leaving in the Hospital at the present time, November 30th, 1884, three hundred and sixty (360) patients; two hundred and seventeen (217) males, one hundred and forty-three (143) females.

Of those discharged, one hundred and forty-eight (148) have been restored to mental health; ninety-one (91) males and fifty-seven (57) females; sixty-nine (69) have been returned to their homes much improved; sixty-three (63) unimproved, being harmless and incurable, have been returned to their counties for care, in order to make room for new patients, and forty-three (43) have died during two years.

ROOM FOR PATIENTS.

Up to the present time we have received all who have applied for admission, but to do so we have occupied every available space, making temporary arrangements for a large number of patients. The actual capacity of the Hospital is but little, if any, above three hundred (300), and at the present time we are caring for three hundred and sixty (360) patients.

At the same rate of increase as for the last two years, not less than six hundred (600) applications for the admission of patients will be made during the two years to come.

By an outlay of four thousand dollars (4,000) the capacity of the Hospital might be increased so that we could quite comfortably accommodate four hundred (400) patients.

Yet this arrangement will not enable us to receive more than one-half the number of cases that will ask for admission.

The demand for the care of the insane by the State is imperative, as no provisions are made by any of the counties. Humanity demands that the State should provide suitable room and care for these unfortunate people.

A NEW HOSPITAL.

In view of the increasing population of the State, and the large extent of territory to be accommodated, I think it would be advisable to build a new Hospital for the Insane. A healthy location, easy of access by railroad, should be chosen; where a section of land can be secured—a large farm being indispensable to the proper management of such an institution. A building as large as the one now in use will be required as soon as it can be completed.

THE FEEBLE MINDED.

The frequent applications for admission to the Hospital of feeble minded children, forcibly reminds me of the need of an

institution where they can be properly cared for and instructed. The advantage of such an institution must be apparent to any one who has given the subject much attention. There is a class of children in every community whose mental condition incapacitates them from being classed with the average of scholars, and who are literally shut out of the public schools, but who under careful training may become self-supporting and a comfort to their friends. Even the drooling idiot may be taught the habits of cleanliness and admitted to the family circle. From the best information I can obtain, there are at least one hundred (100) children, including epileptics, now in the State who ought to have the advantages of such an institution.

FINANCES.

The appended tables will show the financial condition of the Hospital.

The appropriations, with the assistance of the cash fund, will be sufficient to carry us through to the end of the fiscal year, except for fuel and lights.

It will require about three thousand dollars ($3000) to make up the deficiency on coal.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations asked for to maintain the Hospital for the two years beginning April 1st, 1885, are based upon the supposition that we shall have four hundred (400) patients, and at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) *per capita* per week, including all expenses of every kind for the maintenance of the Hospital, and are as follows:

For board and clothing	$ 65000
Employes' wages	35000
Fuel and lights	16000
Drugs, books and instruments	4000

Repairs and improvements	4000
Furniture and bedding	4000
Incidentals	4000
Paints and oils	2000
Music, musical instruments, and amusements	1600
Superintendent's salary	5000
First assistant physician	3000
Second assistant physician	2400
Total	$146000

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

We need special appropriations for the following purposes:

A barn for the stock, as we have a large number of cattle and only temporary structures to shelter them.

A slaughter house and a storehouse are badly needed. The stores are scattered about where we can find a place for them.

To finish and furnish the basement will cost about ($4000) four thousand dollars.

We have sunk a well on ground adjacent to the Hospital and higher than any part of the building. We ask for an appropriation to build a reservoir, and pay for the engine house and necessary piping. The pump and engine we already have. This will not only secure an abundant supply of good water, but will afford us protection against fire.

We also ask for an appropriation to furnish the Hospital with the electric light. It will cost but little more to put in the plant than to furnish gas for two years, after which it will be a trifling expense compared to the present cost. A more urgent reason is the complete protection from fire from this cause.

The following are the amounts asked for the purposes named:

For a barn	$6000 00
Reservoir, engine house, and piping	4500 00
Storehouse	1000 00

Slaughter house	1000 00
Finishing and furnishing basement	4000 00
Electric light	3500 00
Total	$20000 00

The following table will show the comparative weekly cost per patient for the last eleven years and eleven months.

TABLE.

Comparative weekly cost per patient for eleven years and eleven months.

YEARS	TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED.	AVERAGE NO. OF PATIENTS	WEEKLY COST PER PATIENT.	TIME.
1873	25050.35	46½	10.36	Whole year.
1874	29376.91	51½	11.04	
1875	29289.57	54½	10.33½	"
1876	32846.94	82	7 70	"
1877	24868.12	95½	5 01	"
1878	24376.36	112	4.18	"
1879	27972.10	141⅓	3.79	"
1880	32767.14	178	3.54	"
1881	42443.02	216	3.76	"
1882	42942.29	261	3 17	"
1883	58112.83	277	4.02	"
1884	55713.60	322	3.62	Eleven months.

In submitting this report I would respectfully tender my thanks to his Excellency, James W. Dawes, for the many courtesies received at his hands, and to you, gentlemen of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, for your ever ready and kindly counsel, I am sincerely grateful.

H. P. MATHEWSON,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX.

TABLE No. I.

Movement of Population.

For the Year Ending November 30, 1883.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number at beginning of year	149	124	273
Number admitted during year	132	74	206
Total number under treatment	281	198	479
Discharged recovered	43	31	74
" improved	30	17	47
" unimproved	24	28	52
Died	14	9	23
Eloped	1	.....	1
Total	112	85	197

TABLE No. II.

For the Year Ending November 30, 1884.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number at beginning of year	169	113	282
Number admitted during year	137	67	204
Total number under treatment	306	180	486
Discharged recovered	48	26	74
" improved	20	2	22
" unimproved	7	3	10
Died	14	6	20
Total	89	37	126
Remaining in Hospital, November 30, 1884	217	143	360

TABLE No. III.

Residence of the 360 Patients in the Hospital November 30, 1884.

COUNTIES.	Male.	Female	TOTAL.
Adams	1	2	3
Antelope	4	1	5
Boone	1	1	2
Brown	.....	1	1
Buffalo	1	2	3
Butler	1	3	4
Burt	4	.....	4
Cass	5	7	12
Cedar	2	1	3
Cherry	.....	1	1
Clay	2	.....	2
Colfax	3	2	5
Cuming	2	1	3
Custer	3	.....	3
Dakota	4	.....	4
Dawson	3	1	4
Dixon	2	1	3
Dodge	11	3	14
Douglas	15	19	34
Fillmore	7	1	8
Franklin	1	1	2
Furnas	6	.....	6
Gage	5	.....	5
Gosper	3	.....	3
Greeley	.....	1	1
Hall	2	.....	2
Hamilton	3	2	5
Harlan	2	2	4
Hitchcock	1	.....	1
Holt	3	1	4
Howard	1	1	2
Jefferson	2	3	5
Johnson	.....	6	6
Kearney	1	2	3
Knox	1	.....	1
Lancaster	12	15	27
Lincoln	4	.....	4
Madison	4	3	7
Merrick	2	1	3
Nemaha	2	5	7
Nuckolls	2	.....	2
Otoe	6	4	10
Pawnee	1	3	4
Phelps	1	.....	1
Pierce	1	.....	1
Platte	5	3	8
Polk	2	2	4
Red Willow	1	2	3
Richardson	9	7	16
Saline	4	3	7
Sarpy	2	1	3
Saunders	7	4	11
Seward	2	1	3
Sherman	.....	1	1
Stanton	1	.....	1
Thayer	4	2	6
Washington	4	3	7
Wayne	.....	2	2
Webster	2	.....	2
York	2	3	5
Illinois	.....	1	1
Wyoming Territory	15	5	20
.....	20	6	26
Total	217	143	360

TABLE No. IV.

Nativity of the 410 patients admitted during the two years ending November 30th, 1884.

UNITED STATES.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
Colorado	.....	1	1
Illinois	21	9	30
Indiana	10	5	15
Iowa	4	8	12
Kentucky	3	.....	3
Massachusetts	2	1	3
Maryland	.....	1	1
Michigan	3	1	4
Minnesota	3	1	4
Missouri	2	6	8
Nebraska	5	3	8
New Jersey	1	1	2
New York	19	8	27
North Carolina	1	1	2
Ohio	19	15	34
Pennsylvania	15	10	25
Rhode Island	.....	1	1
Vermont	3	1	4
Virginia	4	.....	4
West Virginia	1	1	2
Wisconsin	11	6	18
FOREIGN COUNTRIES.			
Austria	2	1	3
Bohemia	4	4	8
Belgium	1	.....	1
Canada	6	4	10
Denmark	6	3	9
England	13	4	17
Germany	36	18	54
Holland	1	3	4
Ireland	23	10	33
Norway	1	1	2
Scotland	3	3	6
Sweden	13	3	19
Switzerland	4	1	5
Unknown	29	6	35
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. V.

Occupation of the 410 patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30th, 1884.

OCCUPATION.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
Book-binders	1	.....	1
Book-keepers	2	.....	2
Bridge-builders	1	.....	1
Blacksmiths	2	.....	2
Bakers	1	.....	1
Butchers	3	.....	3
Carpenters	8	.....	8
Capitalists	1	.....	1
Cigar-makers	1	.....	1
Clergymen	2	.....	2
Civil engineers	1	.....	1
Clerks	2	.....	2
Dress-makers	.....	2	2
Farmers and farmers' wives	139	23	162
Gardeners	1	.....	1
Hotel keeper	1	.....	1
Housekeepers	.....	57	57
Housework	.....	26	26
Jewelers	3	.....	3
Laborers	33	.....	33
Lawyers	1	.....	1
Masons	5	.....	5
Match-maker	1	.....	1
Machinists	1	.....	1
Millers	1	.....	1
Miners	2	.....	2
Moulders	2	.....	2
Music teachers	1	.....	1
Milliners	.....	1	1
Night watchman	1	.....	1
Painters	1	.....	1
Printers	2	.....	2
Railroad engineer	1	.....	1
Railroad fireman	1	.....	1
Shoemaker	3	.....	3
School teacher	2	6	8
Servants	.....	10	10
Sailors	2	.....	2
Sewing machine agent	1	.....	1
Stage drivers	2	.....	2
Tailor	1	.....	1
Telegraph operator	1	.....	1
Teamster	1	.....	1
Tinners	3	.....	3
Wagon-maker	1	.....	1
Unknown	30	16	46
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. VI.

Supposed causes of disease in the 410 patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1884.

DISEASE.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Congestion of the brain	.....	1	1
Change of life	.....	6	6
Death of relations	1	5	6
Disappointment in love	8	2	10
Domestic trouble	2	10	12
Dyspepsia	1	.....	1
Erysipelas	.....	1	1
Epilepsy	19	9	28
Excitement	1	1	2
Fright	.....	1	1
Fever, typhoid	2	.....	2
Fever, intermittent	1	.....	1
Financial trouble	13	4	17
Hereditary	7	5	12
Homesickness	.....	1	1
Ill treatment	.....	1	1
Injury to head	10	1	11
Intemperance	10	.....	10
Jealousy	.....	2	2
Masturbation	14	2	16
Miscarriage	.....	1	1
Old age	1	.....	1
Over work	2	5	7
Paralysis	1	.....	1
Pregnancy	.....	3	3
Poison	1	.....	1
Puerperal condition	.....	11	11
Religious excitement	12	4	16
Softening of brain	2	1	3
Spiritualism	1	.....	1
Sunstroke	15	1	16
Syphilis	2	.....	2
Uterine derangement	.....	13	13
Worry	1	1	2
Unknown	142	49	191
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. VII.

Form of disease in the 410 patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1884.

DISEASE	Male.	Female.	Total.
Acute mania	107	55	162
Chronic mania	25	15	40
Puerperal mania	.....	15	15
Epileptic mania	23	8	31
Dementia	42	13	55
Dementia senile	4	5	9
Melancholia	64	30	94
General paralysis	4	.....	4
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. VIII.

Duration of the disease in the 410 patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1884.

DISEASE.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under two months	113	43	158
Two to five months	37	30	67
Five to nine months	12	4	16
One to two years	29	16	45
Two to five years	18	15	33
Over five years	23	22	45
Unknown	37	9	46
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. IX.

Age at admission of the 410 Patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1884.

	Male.	Female	Total.
From 10 to 20	13	7	20
" 20 to 30	87	44	131
" 30 to 40	69	35	104
" 40 to 50	47	22	69
" 50 to 60	22	20	42
" 60 to 70	12	3	15
" 70 to 80	2	3	5
Over 80	1	.....	1
Unknown	16	7	23
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. X.

Civil condition of the 410 Patients admitted during the two years ending Nov. 30, 1884.

	Male.	Female	Total.
Married	99	98	197
Single	128	32	160
Widowed	12	2	14
Unknown	30	9	39
Total	269	141	410

TABLE No. XI.

Deaths and the Causes.

	Male.	Female	Total.
Apoplexy	2	1	3
Diarrhœa	2	1	3
Epilepsy	4	2	6
Exhaustion of acute mania	6	1	7
" puerperal	.....	2	2
" melancholia	2	.....	2
Marasmus	2	1	3
Pneumonia	2	.....	2
Pulmonary congestion	1	.....	1
" consumption	.....	3	3
" hemorrhage	2	.....	2
General pareses	3	1	4
Paralysis	2	3	5
Suicide	1	.....	1
Total	28	15	43

GENERAL STATEMENT

For 14 years ending November 30, 1884.

	In Hospital Nov. 30	Number admitted	Number treated.	Recovered.	Improved.	Unimproved.	Not insane.	Not accounted for	Escaped.	Died.	Remaining close of year.
1871	.....	87	87	8	3	1	1	12	5	1	56
1872	56	29	85	20	5	4	2	.....	.....	5	49
1873	49	38	87	14	10	2	1	1	1	2	56
1874	56	17	93	15	6	.....	.....	.....	1	5	46
1875	46	46	92	20	4	5	.....	.....	.....	2	61
1876	61	72	133	30	5	1	.....	.....	1	3	93
1877	93	52	145	24	6	2	.....	.....	1	13	99
1878	99	83	182	38	11	1	.....	.....	1	11	120
1879	120	117	237	42	18	2	1	.....	.....	14	160
1880	160	114	273	44	10	7	4	.....	.....	15	193
1881	193	124	317	48	16	6	.....	.....	.....	17	230
1882	230	164	394	71	18	6	.....	.....	1	25	273
1883	273	206	479	74	47	52	.....	.....	1	23	282
1884	282	204	486	74	22	10	.....	.....	.....	20	360
Totals	.....	1353	.....	522	181	99	9	.....	12	156	.....

LIST OF ARTICLES

Made in sewing-room during the two years ending November 30, 1884.

Aprons	140	Infants' slips	4
Bed spreads	72	" skirts	12
Bed rugs	26	Mattress covers	19
Bibs	14	Lambrequins, lined	10
Basques	13	Napkins	114
Bed ticks	195	Night dresses	31
Chemises	202	Pants	2
Camisoles	22	Pillow slips	927
Collars	43	" ticks	62
Comfort covers	36	" sham sets	6
Crumb cloths	4	Petticoats	186
Curtains	14	Shirts	636
Carriage cushion covers	7	Sheets	914
Carriage covers	3	Stand covers	3
Christmas bags	800	Towels	548
Dresses	328	" tea	372
Drawers, women's	266	Table cloths	45
Drawers, men's	129	Underwaists	180
Dress skirts	8	Undershirts	168

STEWARD'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES

From December 1st, 1882, to March 31st, 1883, from appropriations for two years ending March 31st, 1883.

Appropriations unexpended December 1st, 1882		$17921 64
Expended for Superintendent's salary	$ 1250 00	
" Assistant Physician's salary	500 00	
" employees' wages	4072 14	
" board and clothing	9710 37	
" fuel and lights	807 70	
" drugs	488 60	
" incidentals	350 40	
" furniture	299 74	
" music	240 00	
Balance unexpended, March 1st, 1883	202 69	
Total	$17921 64	$17921 64

EXPENDITURES

From April 1st, 1883, to November 30th, 1884, from appropriations for two years ending March 31st, 1885.

Total appropriations		$127400 00
Expended for Superintendent's salary	$ 3750 00	
" Assistant Physician's salary	3850 00	
" employees' wages	25181 78	
" board and clothing	38446 13	
" fuel and lights	10040 92	
" drugs and medicines	2342 49	
" incidentals	3992 29	
" furniture	3401 74	
" paints and oils	924 79	
" repairs and improvements	3994 50	
" music and amusements	218 00	
" deficiency for fuel and lights	3000 00	
Balance unexpended	28257 36	
Total	$127400 00	$127400 00

CASH STATEMENT

From November 1st, 1882, to November 30th, 1884.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash on hand December 1, 1882	$ 597 52	Expressage	$ 59 56
Board and care of private patients	1368 35	Two patent creamers	49 40
Warrants for board and care of Wyoming patients	9903 87	Flagstone and freight	1035 91
For removing Wyoming patients	80 00	Fencing materials	965 69
Interest on Wyoming warrants	18 71	Journal supplement	75 00
Board of workmen	29 00	Repairs and improvements	1192 52
Hides, tallow, and soap grease	1056 16	Stable expenses	184 00
Fat hogs	4973 07	Garden seeds	56 28
Old iron and rags	41 45	Cattle, hogs, and calves	500 00
Old barrels and lime	6 25	Postage	238 69
Old plumbing materials	19 10	Sending patients home	181 50
Medicine, shoes, and clothing	34 20	Returning escaped patients	92 20
Cattle to Canfield	365 70	Amusements for patients	367 20
Two horses	180 00	Telephone and telegraph expenses	102 45
		One pair of mules	300 00
		Removing patients from Mount Pleasant	176 20
		Medicines and medical journals	16 60
		Labor with teams	707 46
		Lead pipe, copper, and plumbing	966 83
		Furniture and bedding	845 06
		Rent of land	189 00
		Threshing grain	121 70
		Steward's meals in city	18 90
		Feed for cows	58 75
		Regular employees' wages	1400 99
		Brick, stone, and mason work	1071 13
		Plastering and brick work	1002 00
		Ironing machine and irons	52 00
		Sewing machine and needles	36 50
		Work on deep well	303 75
		Blacksmithing	67 00
		Fence wire	324 75
		Lubricating oil	44 88
		Steam heating	368 70
		On settlement with L. F. Taylor	8 40
		Fruit trees and shrubbery	142 45
		Waterpipe and fittings	128 29
		Discount on Wyoming warrants	217 27
		On settlement with Van Alstine	305 24
		Agricultural implements	71 00
		Harness and saddlery	86 65
		Hardware and tinware	295 79
		Board and clothing	1491 51
		Incidentals	298 46
		Balance on hand	2440 17
Total	$ 18920 98	Total	$ 18920 98

PRODUCT

Of Farm and Garden during the years 1883 and 1884.

	1883.	1884.
Corn	4600 bushels	5000 bushels.
Wheat	8 "	54 "
Oats	2000 "	1000 "
Rye	80 "	250 "
Hay (wild)	120 tons	150 tons.
Millet	60 "	40 "
Potatoes (new), raised in garden	1450 bushels	377 bushels.
Potatoes, raised in field	930 "	1424 "
Potatoes, sweet	150 "	83 "
Onions, green	65 dozen	109 dozen.
Onions, ripe	25 bushels	36 bushels.
Sweet Corn	1836 dozen	1688 dozen.
Beets	618 bushels	878 bushels.
Parsnips	286 "	229 "
Beans	54 "	66 "
Carrots	150 "	148 "
Peas	145 "	104 "
Turnips, summer	20 "	18 "
Turnips, fall	981 "	740 "
Tomatoes	214 "	416 "
Cucumbers, green	640 dozen	3966 dozen.
Cucumbers, pickled	5 barrels	10 barrels.
Cabbage	3120 heads	4023 heads.
Sauer Kraut	2 barrels	4 barrels.
Squashes, Hubbard	70 bushels	150 bushels.
Squashes, Mammoth, and Pumpkins	1000 "	900 "
Melons, water and musk	...	1821.
Asparagus	475 bunches.	450 bunches.
Radishes	30 bushels	13 bushels.
Lettuce	125 "	61 "
Rhubarb	5709 pounds	5680 pounds.
Milk	17394 gallons	18202 gallons.

INVENTORY

Of Stock and Farm Implements.

VEHICLES.	
Single-top buggy	1
Two-wheeled road cart	1
Four-seated carriage	1
Two-horse spring wagon	1
Lumber wagons	4
HARNESS.	
Buggy, single, sets	2
Buggy, double, sets	1
Wagon, heavy, sets	4
Whips	2
Lap robes and blankets	6
Saddles and bridles	2
Ox yokes	2
STOCK.	
Horses, mules and colts	12
Oxen, pairs	1
Bull	1
Cows	46
Heifers	29
Steers	32
Calves	46
Hogs and shoats	192

FARM IMPLEMENTS.	
Plows, breakers	1
" stirring	4
" listers	1
" sulky	1
Cultivators	4
Mowers	2
Hay rakes, horses	2
Hand rakes	10
Harrows, drag	2
" sulky	1
Corn-planters, check rower	1
Hay sweep, two horse	1
Roller, two-horse	1
Road scraper	1
Garden cultivator	1
Lawn-mower, horse	1
" hand	1
Corn-sheller	1
" grinder	1
Hoes	25
Shovels and spades	20
Pitchforks	10
Scoop-shovels	6
Wheelbarrows	4
Post-diggers	4
Wire stretcher	1
Garden-Seeder	1
Grind-stones	2
Scythes	6
Currycombs and brushes	5